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25X1 7. [] I talked to Mike Van Dusen, Near East and South Asia Subcommittee staff, House Foreign Affairs Committee, several times during the day and confirmed with him a briefing for 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, 2 April, concerning the Soviet presence in the Indian Ocean and influence on the nations on the periphery of the Indian Ocean. Van Dusen will not be able to confirm the room number for the meeting until Monday, 1 April. [] Congressional Support Officer, OCI, has been advised.

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25X1 8. [] Met with Pat Holt, Chief of Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and in brief I told him that we could provide the information to the Chairman through him but that the Director would not agree to the release of this information for staff use or general Committee discussion. As an alternative, Holt requested release of the information to Senator Frank Church (D., Idaho), in addition to Senator J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.). Although he was not certain that this will be acceptable, he asked that I try to respond by Monday. He believes that this matter will be a part of the discussion during the Committee's session on Tuesday. See Item #17, 8 March Journal.

25X1 9. [] Received a call from Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who asked if the Director could appear on Monday, 1 April, to testify on those portions of the Community budget which are set forth in the defense authorization bill. After checking with the Director, Slatinshek was advised that he could appear on Monday. In a later conversation, Slatinshek confirmed that the meeting will be in the main Committee room and told me that the Chairman will look to the Director to orchestrate the briefing as he may desire. As an aside, Slatinshek indicated a question that had been raised earlier in the day by Representative William L. Dickinson (R., Ala.) concerning certain reconnaissance matters and that it would be well if the Director was prepared to respond directly to this line of questioning. As for representatives from the Defense Department, the Chairman will look to the Director to designate those he desires to be in attendance.

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